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The Honorable Kay Granger  
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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Jamaica Bay Greenway: Paerdegat Avenue North Connector project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the New York City Department of Transportation, located at 55 Water Street, New York, NY 10041. The funding would be used for constructing a two-way, grade-separated greenway path along Flatlands Avenue from Ralph Avenue to East 76th Street, and Paerdegat Avenue North, from Flatlands Avenue to Paerdegat 1st Street. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because closing gaps in the greenway, enhancing connections with new paths and bicycle lanes and improving intersections will make the recreation and transportation area safer for cyclists and pedestrians. The Paerdegat Avenue North connector will link the neighborhoods of Flatlands, Canarsie and Paerdegat Basin to the Canarsie Pier and the Jamaica Bay Greenway. Creating a continuous and accessible route from the bike network to Canarsie Pier will enhance safety conditions for all street users. Similar interventions installed elsewhere by DOT have reduced injuries to road users by 20-60%.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133(b).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

HAKEEM JEFFRIES  
Member of Congress